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SUBJECT: MACKENZIE ALLEY PIPELINE (BERGER) INQUIRY
REPORT, VOLUME TWO

REF: OTTAWA 3585

PASS WHITE HOUSE/SCHLESINGER AND GOLDMAN, FEA AND FPC

1. SUMMARY: SYNOPSIS OF VOLUME TWO OF BERGER REPORT
RELEASED JULY 29 IS CONSISTENT WITH VOLUME ONE. BERGER
REITERATES MAJOR RECOMMENDATION THAT NO PIPELINE AND NO
ENERGY CORRIDOR BE ESTABLISHED ACROSS NORTHERN YUKON
AND THAT LINE THROUGH MACKENZIE VALLEY BE DELAYED TEN
YEARS TO ENABLE NATIVE DEVELOPMENT. OTHER RECOMMENDA-
TIONS IN VOLUME TWO CONCERN PROTECTION OF PORCUPINE CAR-
BOU HERD WINTER RANGE, OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
MEASURES AND STRENGTHENING NATIVE SOCIETY AND ECONOMY
AGAINST PIPELINE IMPACT. SECOND HALF OF BERGER REPORT
THUS CONTAINS NO SURPRISES. IT WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT ON UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON PIPELINE
BECAUSE BERGER DOES NOT CHALLENGE VIABILITY OF DEMPSTER
LINK. END SUMMARY.

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2. MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE INQUIRY COMMISSIONER BERGER
RELEASED JULY 29 SYNOPSIS OF SECOND AND FINAL VOLUME OF
INQUIRY REPORT. VOLUME TWO WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER.
BERGER RELEASED SYNOPSIS SO HIS RECOMMENDATIONS
REGARDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION
WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR AUGUST 4-5 DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT.

3. BERGER RECOMMENDS THAT FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERN PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION:

A. TAKING FOR GRANTED REGULATORY AUTHORITY WILL BE ESTABLISHED, IT SHOULD: (1) OPERATE AS SOON AS PERMITS ARE ISSUED, (2) ADDRESS SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS AND (3) INVOLVE ALL INTERESTS IN NORTH LEGITIMATELY CONCERNED ABOUT PIPELINE IMPACT.

B. ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND U.S. TO CONSTRUCT PIPELINE ACROSS SOUTHERN YUKON SHOULD INCLUDE PROVISIONS TO PROTECT PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD. SUCH AGREEMENT SHOULD ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL WILDERNESS PARK COVERING ALASKA ARCTIC WILDLIFE RANGE AND NORTHERN YUKON.

C. TWO-MILE RESTRICTED HUNTING ZONE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ALONG DEMPSTER HIGHWAY PIPELINE ROUTE. TRADITIONAL LAND USE BY NATIVE PEOPLE WOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM THIS PROVISION. TRAFFIC AND ACTIVITY ON HIGHWAY SHOULD BE CONTROLLED DURING WINTER MIGRATION OF PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD.

D. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS IN REPORT DEAL WITH: REFINING LOCATION OF PIPELINE, FUEL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SPILL CLEAN UP, WASTE MANAGEMENT, STREAM AND RIVER CROSSING DESIGN AND CONTROL OF LOW ALTITUDE AIRCRAFT FLIGHT.

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E. REGULATORY AUTHORITY SHOULD INCLUDE GEOTECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD TO EVALUATE CONSTRUCTION DESIGN, PARTICULARLY REGARDING FROST HEAVE AND THAW SETTLEMENT.

F. REGARDING SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT, BERGER RECOMMENDS: (1) NORTHERN URBAN CENTERS RECEIVE IMPACT FUNDING FROM SENIOR GOVERNMENTS, (2) TRAINING AND PREFERENTIAL HIRING FOR NORTHERNERS WHO WANT PIPELINE EMPLOYMENT, (3) CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN RENEWABLE RESOURCE

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TEXT:

SECTOR (LOGGING, FISH, GAME, FUR AND TOURISM) FOR
NORTHERN NATIVE PEOPLE AND (4) PREFERENCE FOR NORTHERN
BISOMESSMEN ON CONTRACT BIDS, BONDING AND CAPITAL AVAIL-
ABILITY.

4. FINALLY, BERGER RE-EEMPHASIZES MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS
HE MADE IN VOLUME ONE:

A. NO PIPELINE BE BUILT AND NO ENERGY CORRIDOR BE
ESTABLISHED ACROSS NORTHERN YUKON.

B. CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPELINE ALONG MACKENZIE VALLEY
BE POSTPONED FOR TEN YEARS TO ALLOW TIME FOR NATIVE
SOCIETY AND ECONOMY TO BE STRENGTHENED BY NATIVE CLAIMS.

5. COMMENT: SECOND HALF OF BERGER REPORT THUS CONTAINS
NO SURPRISES. IT WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON
UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON PIPELINE BECAUSE BERGER
DOES NOT CHALLENGE VIABILITY OF DEMPSTER LINK

6. SYNOPSIS FOLLOWS BY POUCH TO EUR/CAN, EB/ORF/FSE,
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